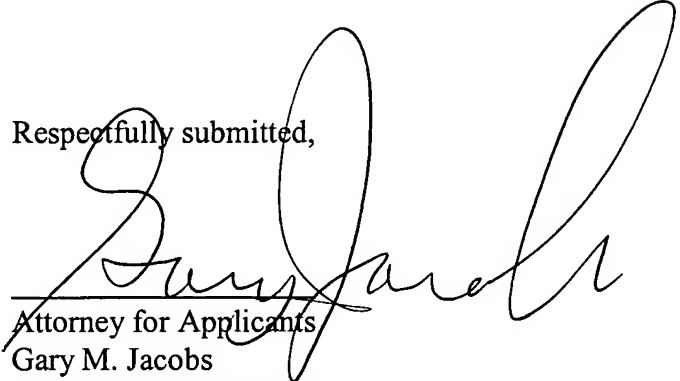


search by two Examiners may possibly produce inconsistent results. In addition, it is believed that if one Examiner acts on all the claims of the present application, overall examining time will be less than if two Examiners are involved. Further, it is earnestly believed that examination of all of the claims by one Examiner will best ensure that there will be uniform prosecution quality. Therefore, in the interest of prosecution quality and economy for both the Office and Applicants, withdrawal of the restriction requirement in this application is appropriate and is respectfully solicited.

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